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Attention

Class of 2020

The Wabash Plain Dealer is launching an interactive campaign to celebrate our Wabash County seniors! With COVID-19 disrupting graduation plans and daily life for our students, we want to do something special to commemorate their hard work and memories. We are posting photo challenges at www.facebook.com/wabashpd and the best submissions will be featured on our website and in a special section published at the end of the school year. Submit your favorite memories to news@wabashplaindealer.com or post your memories and photos to your social media page using the hashtag #WCClassof2020 to participate.

Notice to readers

To reduce risks to our employees and community, the Wabash Plain Dealer is closed to the public until further notice. Payments may be dropped in the mail slot or called in. For news, call 260-225-4662 or email news@wabashplaindealer.com. For advertising, call 260-225-4947 or email tcampbell@prgimmi.com. For circulation and customer support, call 260-563-2131. To bring you the most accurate information about the evolving COVID-19 pandemic, the Wabash Plain Dealer has decided to prioritize news content over sports stories since sporting events are canceled for the time being. The Wabash Plain Dealer is committed to providing the best product to its customers and appreciates the support during this time. Thank you.

Holcomb extends stay-at-home order to May 1

The stay-at-home order originally extended to Tuesday, April 7. The previous order extension, announced Friday, April 3, was set to expire Tuesday, April 21. It will now extend to Friday, May 1.

Wabash County under a code yellow travel advisory

The lowest level of local travel advisory, code yellow means that routine travel or activities may be restricted in areas because of a hazardous situation, and individuals should use caution or avoid those areas, according to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security.

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North Manchester receives \$250K federal COVID-19 grant

Local businesses with employees with low-, moderate-income households to benefit

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

During a televised press conference Wednesday, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) announced 13 rural Hoosier communi-

ties will receive more than \$1.96 million in federal grant funding, through the new COVID-19 Response Program.

One of those communities was the town of North Manchester, which was awarded \$250,000 to build upon an existing Revolving Loan Fund to provide grants to local businesses with employees who have low-and-moderate income households impacted by the current COVID-19 crisis. “So that was a grant to

those businesses that were helping to retain jobs in North Manchester,” said Crouch, in response to a Plain Dealer question.

In March, Gov. Eric Holcomb issued Executive Order 20-05 that allowed the Indiana OCRA to redirect Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to assist with COVID-19 needs, based on guidance from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

“The recent announcement of OCRA funds awarded to North Manchester will benefit local businesses with job retention of employees and providing working capital to keep operations afloat through these tough economic times. The funds will need to be expended within three months to qualifying businesses according to OCRA’s guidelines for the program,” stated Adam Penrod, town manager for

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Donating life, even during a pandemic

Total of 41 donors gave 38 units of blood Tuesday at First United Methodist Church

By **ROB BURGESS**
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Even with the COVID-19 pandemic raging across the world, the need for blood continues unabated.

On Tuesday, 41 local donors answered the call and donated 38 units of blood at First United Methodist Church, stated Kaleena Wright, interim executive director of the American Red Cross’ Northeast Indiana Chapter, in response to a Plain Dealer request Wednesday.

Wright stated additional precautions have been instituted at blood donation sites including:

- - Checking temperatures of staff and donors before entering a drive to make sure they are healthy.

- - Providing hand sanitizer for use before the drive, as well as throughout the donation process.

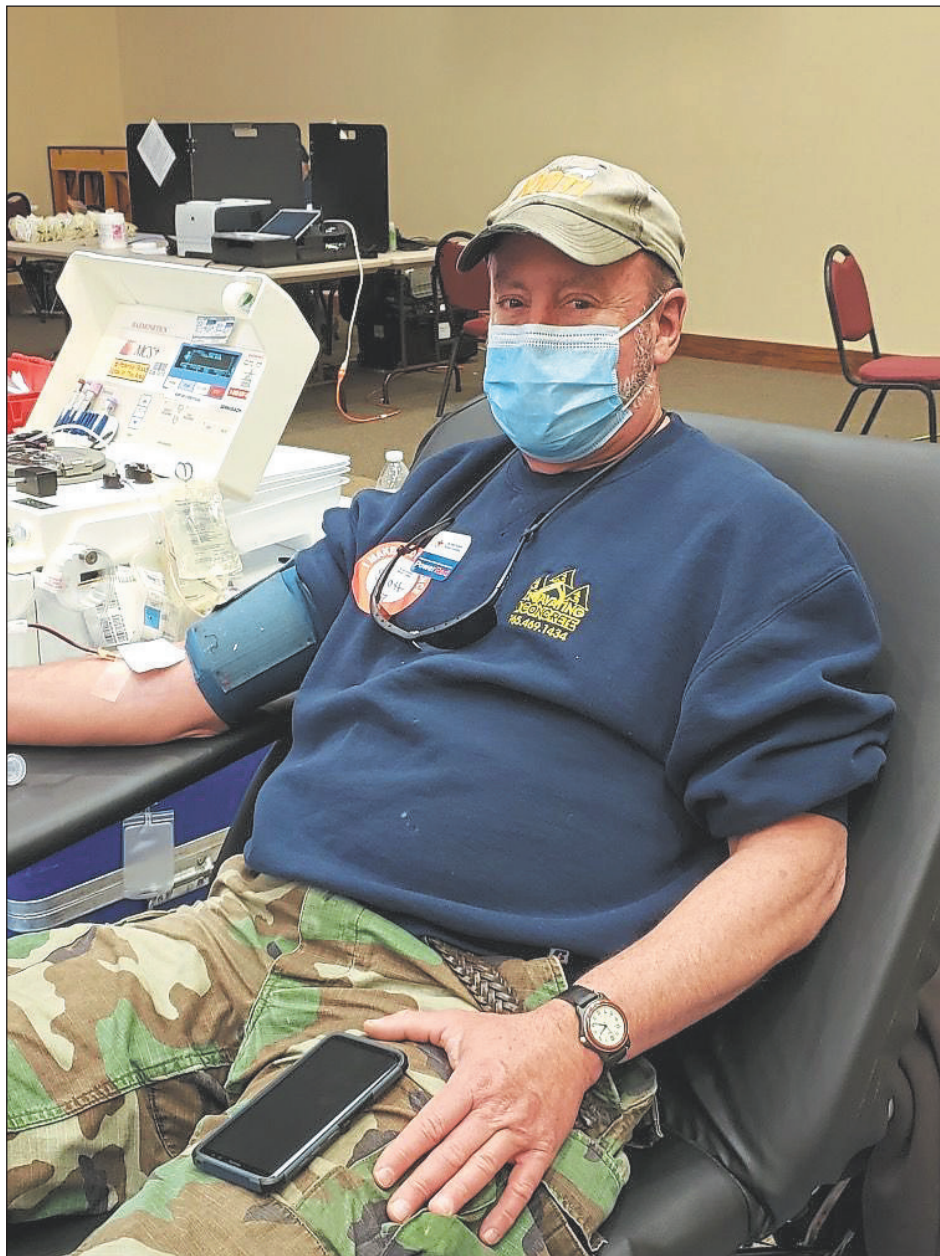
- - Following social distancing between donors including entry, donation and refreshment areas.

- - Routinely disinfecting surfaces, equipment and donor-touched areas.

- - Wearing gloves, and changing gloves often; using sterile collection sets and an aseptic scrub for every donation, and staff wearing basic face masks.

Future scheduled Wabash County blood donation

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Provided photo

Scott Farnhan donates blood Tuesday.

\$600 federal unemployment insurance benefits begin

Applications for the self-employed program to start next week

STAFF REPORT

Hoosiers who are receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits have begun seeing the additional \$600 weekly payment from the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) program, ahead of the announced date of Monday, April 20, according to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD).

Though the additional funds began arriving in some unemployment insurance accounts on Friday, the vast majority of claimants will see payments being made this week. Vouchers must be filed each week in order to continue to receive benefits. It is recommended to file the vouchers on a Tuesday or after during the week, taking the high stress off the historic traffic now hitting the DWD’s Uplink online system.

The CARES Act FPUC provides those individuals with an additional \$600 weekly benefit. FPUC is payable effective March 29, for any week of unemployment until July 31. DWD will pay this benefit retroactively to March 29. The \$600 FPUC benefit is taxable and is subject to child support withholding.

“To put these payments into perspective, this past weekend alone, Friday through Sunday as the FPUC payments were starting to be added, \$276 million in payments were made over the three-day period. In all of 2019, \$230 million was paid out through the Indiana unemployment insurance assistance program,” stated DWD.

It typically takes up to 21 days for first-time claims to be paid if there are no issues with the claim. A claimant may view their Uplink Claimant Home-

page to check for issues on their claim. If there is an issue, a DWD Claims Investigator will be assigned to analyze the claim. DWD is advising claimants with issues on their claims to not contact the call center to check on the status of their claims, as that only adds to the already large volume of calls the center is experiencing.

Additionally, the CARES Act Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) creates a temporary federal unemployment insurance program for individuals not otherwise eligible for UI benefits, including the self-employed, independent contractors, gig economy workers, those seeking part-time employment, and individuals lacking sufficient work history but who would be able to work and looking for work were it not due to COVID-19.

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BMV announces additional appointment-only locations for new CLP, CDL credentials

Three new branches added to the already-released list

STAFF REPORT

Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) Commissioner Peter L. Lacy announced they are increasing the number of branches open by appointment only to process new Commercial Learner’s Permits (CLP), new Commercial Driver’s Licenses (CDL) and upgrade or downgrade for the CDL to add the tank vehicle or hazardous materials endorsement, according to a press release.

Three additional branches began operating beginning on Monday, April 20 bringing the total to nine. These branches remain open only to complete transactions critical to support the need to continually increase the number of newly licensed commercial truck drivers supporting the Hoosier state, for

both business and agriculture.

Locations offering appointments include:

- 1320 Eagle Ridge Drive, Schererville, IN 46375.

- 701 Lincoln Highway West, New Haven, IN 46774.

- 720 W Navajo Street, West Lafayette, IN 47906.

- 5620 Crawfordsville Road, Indianapolis, IN 46224.

- 501 Burkhart Blvd, Seymour, IN 47274.

- 4209 Highway 41 N, Suite 10, Evansville, IN 47711.

- 3841 S. Emerson Ave, Suite C, Indianapolis, IN 46203.

- 271 Merchants Square Drive, Suite A-100, Carmel, IN 46032.

- 1139 E Ireland Road, South Bend, IN 46614.

Specific requirements must be met to schedule an appointment. Those requirements include, but are

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Wabash to host Virtual First Friday event on May 1

Businesses will be offering special promotions and discounts

STAFF REPORT

Wabash Marketplace will be hosting a Virtual First Friday on May 1, according to Andrea Zwiebel, executive director.

The event will take place on Facebook from 4 to 8 p.m.

“This is an opportunity to support local downtown businesses from the comfort of your own homes,” stated Zwiebel.

Zwiebel stated businesses will not be open to the public except for carry-out.

The community is encouraged to visit the Facebook Event Page titled, “Online Event, First Friday in Wabash 5/1/20” or at the link <https://www.facebook.com/events/336939347269386/>.

The event will also be linked from the Facebook Page “First Friday-Wabash, Indiana”. One participant will receive a gift basket, provided by First Farmers Bank & Trust!

Businesses will be offering special promotions and discounts via the Facebook page.

“For example, Ellen’s Bridal and Dress Boutique will be accepting online appointments and offering 19 percent off accessories. Make It Your Own Art Studio is selling art kits for Mother’s Day and scheduling private studio appointments,” stated Zwiebel.

A schedule of live videos from local businesses will also be available from 4 to 8 p.m.

Check the Facebook Event Page for the full schedule,” stated Zwiebel.

The live videos will be hosted by Wabash Marketplace, Ellen’s Bridal and Dress Boutique, Grow Wabash County, Eclectic

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not limited to, individuals having a Medical Examination Report (MER) and Medical Examiner’s Certificate (MEC) on file with the BMV before scheduling an appointment to take knowledge exam(s) or CDL individuals holding a CLP must pass a CDL skills test in a vehicle representative of the class of CDL the driver wants to receive at a BMV-authorized CDL skills test site before

obtaining a CDL. Appointments will be available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information on requirements and branches offering appointments, visit <https://www.in.gov/bmv/4509.htm>. To schedule an appointment, call the BMV Contact Center. The team is available from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The phone number is 888-692-6841. Commercial Motor Vehicles titling and registration transactions can be com-

pleted via mail or through a BMV partner location. Renewal transactions for both registrations and licenses are covered under the State expiration extension and do not need to be immediately completed. BMV branches remain closed to the general public. Hoosiers are encouraged to go online to complete their transaction and to find more information on operational and transaction-related changes. For more information, visit <https://www.in.gov/bmv/4363.htm>.

UNEMPLOYMENT






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PUA is not payable to individuals who have the ability to telework with pay or who are receiving paid sick leave or other paid leave benefits. The new federal program requires an entirely new system to be designed and built from the ground up. DWD is integrating the new system into Uplink so that these benefits can be provided as quickly and efficiently as possible to impacted Hoosiers. PUA applications will be available in Uplink on April 24 to those who have already applied for and been denied regular UI benefits. PUA applications will be available to others as soon as they apply for and are denied regular UI. DWD will be able to begin making PUA payments in May. In addition to the FPUC and FPUA programs, the CARES Act also provides the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation program, which is an additional 13 weeks of unemployment insurance benefits once benefits are exhausted for traditional claimants. This program is not yet available. Once available, eligible claimants will access weekly vouchers through the Uplink system. The claims week runs from Sunday through Sat-

urday. Most claimants file their initial claims and weekly vouchers on Sunday, followed closely by Monday. Claims can be filed any day of the week, and those filing on Tuesday or after will have a faster, less congested experience filing than those who file on Sunday or Monday. The extremely high volume at the beginning of each week can result in maximum capacity and speed issues. It is recommended to file mid-week through Saturday for the optimal filing experience. “DWD’s current Uplink on-line system launched in 2010 and has been redesigned over the years to withstand the unprecedented volume presented by the current demand, and has met the challenge of the record amount of filings. Certain caps on the system have been put into place to limit user levels at any given time. When that peak is reached, safeguards trigger a notice instructing the user visiting the site to try again later, which can be the same day or the next. As several state unemployment agencies around the country are reporting crashes to their unemployment systems due to the unprecedented demands, these preventative measures have been put in place to help protect the integrity of the Uplink system and to allow the process from successful filing to payment to continue





without interruption,” stated DWD. Since Gov. Eric Holcomb directed all bars and restaurants to close March 16, more than 450,000 Hoosiers have successfully filed for unemployment. Further, roughly 432,000 unemployment insurance claims have been paid for the two-week period of April 1 to 14, and that number continues to rise and will do so at a greater pace with the addition of the CARES Act additional benefits. A record 22 million Americans have filed for unemployment benefits in the four weeks through April 11. “With so many individuals across the country out of work, states are seeing an increase in attempts to defraud their unemployment systems,” stated the DWD. “Anyone purposely or intentionally providing false information, misrepresenting the truth, or failing to provide full information in making a selection or completing this claim for benefits is committing fraud. If anyone is found to have committed fraud, they will be ineligible for any benefits, and DWD will institute collections proceedings against them to recover any benefits obtained through fraud. They also may be subject to federal and state criminal prosecution.” For more information, visit www.Unemployment.IN.gov.

5-Day Weather Summary

 Thursday Few Showers 60 / 44	 Friday Mostly Cloudy 61 / 48	 Saturday Few Showers 55 / 41	 Sunday Few Showers 49 / 35	 Monday Partly Cloudy 55 / 45
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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 8:36 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 6:55 a.m.

 First 4/30	 Full 5/7	 Last 5/14	 New 5/22
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 70% chance of showers, high temperature of 60°, humidity of 72%. East wind 6 to 13 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 75% chance of showers, overnight low of 44°. North northeast wind 5 to 13 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 43°.

Apartment-dweller bored stuck inside during quarantine

DEAR HARRIETTE: My husband and I have watched just about every show on TV, it seems. Even though there are lots of options now, what with cable and those other streaming services – and we have them all, it feels like – I can’t find anything I want to watch. We are bored out of our minds. We live in a high-rise apartment building, and we have no backyard. We have nowhere to go during this quarantine. What can we do that will bring us joy? – Boredom

Harriette Cole
Sense & Sensitivity



DEAR BOREDOM: My father used to call the television “the idiot box.” Though he enjoyed watching it, he believed that it sucked away our energy and time with few positive results. His recommendation would be to read a book. Have you considered that? If you have books in the house, choose something to read. Make it a shared activity. You can both read at the same time, and talk about what you read with each other.

If you don’t have books, go online. You can buy an audiobook to listen to together. Books can transport you into faraway worlds and spark interesting conversations that can bring you closer as they also stimulate your brain. Try it! **DEAR HARRIETTE:** My sister and I have a distant relationship – to put it nicely. When we were kids, she always picked on me. Even after we became adults, she would take her jabs at every possible turn. It got so bad that I stopped calling her. She and I don’t live in the same town, so it is only by choice that we talk to each other now. I got tired of her always berating me, so I talk to her only at family get-togethers or on her birthday. That’s pretty much it. I’m wondering if I should try to mend that fence now that we have no idea when we will see each other again. I am married with children. She is single and alone. I imagine that she is feeling lonely. How can I mend the fence when so much time

has gone by? – Crossing the Divide **DEAR CROSSING THE DIVIDE:** The first step is often the hardest. When a lot of time has gone by, it can seem impossible to get close to someone, even a family member. But that first step is often the hardest, and once you take it, the next will seem easier. Set an intention for your connection with your sister. Remember that you are adults now, and you do not have to slip into old behaviors. There is absolutely no reason why she should have any dominion over you. Speak to her the way you speak to anyone else, with your own confidence and personality. Do not feel the need to dredge up old feelings. Instead, just be in the moment. Call her and ask her how she’s managing.

Ask her how she is spending her days. Get her talking. You should also share with her some highlights of your time in quarantine. If you miss her, say as much. Be honest and kind about wanting to have a closer relationship with her. Suggest that you speak more regularly. See if she likes that idea. Take baby steps. And if either of you slips back into old behaviors, take a breath and remind yourself that you are no longer children. You have the power to choose how you will react to whatever is happening before you. *Harriette Cole is a lifestyleist and founder of DREAMLEAPERS, an initiative to help people access and activate their dreams. You can send questions to askharriette@harriettecole.com or c/o Andrews McMeel Syndication, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.*



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TUESDAY'S LOTTERIES

Cash 5
08-13-25-36-44
Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
Cash4Life
08-14-43-51-59, **Cash Ball: 3**
Daily Three-Midday
8-7-4, **SB: 5**
Daily Three-Evening
2-5-4, **SB: 8**
Daily Four-Midday
2-3-9-7, **SB: 5**
Daily Four-Evening
0-0-6-3, **SB: 8**
Mega Millions
13-15-24-67-70, **Mega Ball: 17**,
Megaplier: 2
Estimated jackpot: \$164 million
Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$29 million

WEDNESDAY'S METALS

Aluminum......65
Copper.....2.27
Lead......74
Zinc.....1,714.46
Gold.....15.11
Silver.....756.67
Platinum.....

AREA GRAIN

Estimated grain prices
Wednesday at Indianapolis-area elevators: Corn: \$3.07. Soybeans: \$ 8.31.

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Clarence Edward West

Dec. 24, 1937 – April 21, 2020

Clarence Edward West, 82, of rural Denver, Indiana, died at 1:03 pm, Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at his home. He was born December 24, 1937 at his grandparent's home in Jonesboro, Indiana to Clarence and Esther Mae (Bragg) West.



Clarence was a 1955 graduate of Noble High School. He married Nancy Lee Marshall at the Center Chapel Brethren Church in rural Peru, Indiana on December 28, 1957. Clarence was a retired farmer. He was a member of the Center Chapel Brethren Church. Clarence served as Richland Township Trustee in Miami County for 16 years. He enjoyed going to and participating in tractor pulls. Clarence also liked to give treats to the kids at the kiddie tractor pulls. He enjoyed sprint car racing, and even flagged a race at Bunker Hill Speedway.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Lee West of Denver, four children, Peggy Sue West of Denver, Janet Lee (Chad Baxter) West of Rochester, Indiana, Dale Leon West of Denver, Edward Wayne West of Peru, seven grandchildren, Maggie (Jordan) Winans of Walton, Indiana, Abby West of Macy, Indiana, Jordan West of Denver, Trevor West and Conner West, both of Huntington, Kansas (Ryan) Thornsbury of Denver, and Kyle Wayne

(Halie Stiles) West of Peru, six great grandchildren, brothers and sisters, Susie (Joseph) Stout of Winston Salem, North Carolina, John (Sharon) West of Roann, Larry (Sheryl) West of Peru, and Becky (Isaac) Stout of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and his sister-in-law, Diana West of Wabash. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, Jerry West.

Private family services will be Friday, April 24, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Roann Chapel, 335 S. Chippewa Rd., Roann, with Jason See officiating. Burial will be in Roann Community Cemetery, Roann.

Preferred memorials are Center Chapel Brethren Church, Parkinson Foundation, or Premier Hospice.

The memorial guest book for Clarence may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Kenneth Wayland Brown

Kenneth Wayland Brown, 72, of North Manchester, formerly of LaFontaine, passed away at 6:50 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2020.

Ken married Laura Key on May 9, 1996. Ken retired from the United States Navy after 19 1/2 years of service. He also served four years in the United State Marine Corp.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 24, 2020 at Gardens of Memory Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to McDonald Funeral Homes, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana.

We encourage you to give the family your love and support by visiting our website at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com.



Provided photo

Janet Quillen was one of the 41 donors who showed up Tuesday.

BLOOD

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opportunities include:

■ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 13 at Richvalley Community Center, 56 W. Mill St.

■ Noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 19 at First United Methodist Church, 110 N.

Cass St.

■ 2 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 2 at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S. Cass St.

■ 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 6 at Scotty's Bar, 780 Manchester Ave.

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Shoppe and more.

2020 First Friday events are sponsored in honor of Crossroads Bank's 100th Anniversary, 95.9 Kiss FM, Beacon Credit Union, Grow

Wabash County, Wabash Plain Dealer and Wabash Marketplace.

For more information regarding the remaining 2020 First Friday dates or to find out how you can become involved, visit www.wabashmarketplace.org or call 260-563-0975.

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Walorski to hold virtual informational session

Grow Wabash County has invited investors to join Rep. Jackie Walorski, R-Indiana, for a virtual information and question-and-answer session at 11 a.m. Friday, April 24 about COVID-19 and what's being done on the national level. For those interested in participating, complete the registration form at <https://tinyurl.com/r3pfwea> or email marketing@growwabashcounty.com by Thursday, April 23 to receive the details about how to access this virtual session.

Closings announced due to COVID-19 concerns

Access Youth Center: All scheduled after school and weekend programming is canceled until further notice.

BMV: Closed until further notice. The phone number is 888-692-6841 and the lines are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. For more information, visit <https://www.in.gov/bmv/4363.htm>.

Community Foundation of Wabash County: Individuals with questions may email patty@cfwabash.org or julie@cfwabash.org, or call 260-982-4824.

Division of Family Resources: Offices closed until further notice. Visit the FSSA benefits portal at www.fssabenefits.in.gov. DFR staff is available by phone at 800-403-0864 to provide customer service from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Clients may also continue to send documents to DFR via mail at P.O. Box 1810, Marion, IN 46952.

Farm Service Agency: County offices are open in Indiana by phone appointment only until further notice, and staff is available to continue helping agricultural producers with program signups, loan servicing and other important actions. Call 260-563-7486.

Honeywell Foundation: All events at foundation properties including the Honeywell Center, Honeywell House, Eagles Theatre, Dr. James Ford Historic Home and Charley Creek Gardens are suspended until further notice.

Living Well in Wabash County: The Community Cupboard pantry will operate as a drive-through with regular pantry hours, which are from 3 to 5 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays; closed Wednesdays; and open from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays. Senior lunches at Winchester Senior Center will be operated as a drive-through at the front door of the senior center from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Lunch reservations continue to require 48 business hours of reservations. Seniors age 60 and older wanting a lunch must call Winchester Senior Center at 260-563-4475.

Manchester Community Schools: Closed through the rest of the school year.

Manchester University: Remote teaching for students will last through the end of the semester. Residence halls will close for the remainder of the semester. All campus activities for the remainder of the semester have been canceled or postponed.

MSD: Closed through the rest of the school year.

The North Manchester Center for History: Temporarily closed to the public. The Crossroads: Change in Rural America exhibit is available through video on the NHCH Facebook page at www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterHistory.

North Manchester Public Library: Closed until further notice. Except for hotspots, no materials will be due during the closure. All online events will

stream on the NMPL Facebook at www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterPublicLibrary/ and will then be archived on the Online Programming Archive. For more information, email nmpl@nman.lib.in.us, call 260-982-4773 or visit www.nman.lib.in.us.

St. Bernard School: Closed through the rest of the school year.

Wabash Carnegie Public Library: Closed until further notice. Overdue fines for all times except Wi-Fi hotspots waived until further notice. For more information, email warew@wabash.lib.in.us or visit www.wabash.lib.in.us or www.facebook.com/WabashCarnegieLibrary.

Wabash City Hall: Closed through at least 8 a.m. Monday, May 4. All public meetings postponed. Citizens should visit www.cityofwabash.com to pay bills for wastewater, ambulance billing and building department permits. City court offers pay by phone services. Phone calls to the main Wabash City Hall number at 260-563-4171 will be answered by voicemail. Questions regarding COVID-19 can also be directed to the new email address at covid19info@cityofwabash.com. Anyone with questions should call 260-274-1485 or email mayor@cityof-wabash.com.

Wabash City Schools: Closed through the rest of the school year. Current e-learning days include Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Wabash Circuit and Superior Courts and Court Services (Probation and Community Corrections divisions): Closed to the public Wednesdays and Fridays through April 30.

Wabash County Courthouse and Wabash County Health Department: Closed to the public except by appointment. Payments and other documents for these offices may be placed in a large locked box located just inside the west basement door of the courthouse. For more information, visit www.wabashcounty.in.gov or call the Courthouse at 260-563-0661 ext. 1222.

Wabash County Judicial Center: Closed to the public through April 30. A drop box is located outside, near the top of the stairs, for depositing payments and documents. The Wabash County Elections office may be reached at 260-563-0661 ext. 1238, Wabash County Circuit Court at 260-563-0661 ext. 1241, Wabash County Superior Court at 260-563-0661 ext. 1254, Wabash County Court Services at 260-563-8466 ext. 1276, Judicial Annex Court Security: 260-563-0661 ext. 1261 and Wabash County Clerk of the Courts: 260-563-0661 ext. 1239.

Wabash County Museum: Temporarily closed until further notice.

Wabash County Solid Waste Management District: Offices and warehouse closed to the public until further notice. 24/7 drop sites at 1101 Manchester Ave. and at the Hardware in North Manchester will remain open for regular recycling. For more information, call 260-563-7649.

Woman's Clubhouse: Closed through at least May 8.

WorkOne: Closed until further notice. Contact staff by phone at the Wabash location at 260-563-8421.

Winchester Senior Center: All daily activities suspended until further notice.

New dates, postponements, cancellations set for Honeywell Center, Eagles Theatre events

Honeywell Center: Hairball rescheduled for Friday, Sept. 18. Big Bad Voodoo Daddy will be rescheduled but does not yet have a set date. "Finding Neverland" has been canceled and ticket holders will receive an email with information regarding their refund.

Honeywell House: Cabaret!!!, Dinner Chamber Series "Opus Two," Conversations on Renovation and Eagles Theatre Ballroom Dances into the Future will be rescheduled, but does not yet have a set date.

Eagles Theatre: Top of the Charts rescheduled for Thursday, June 18. Tribute to John Denver rescheduled for Thursday, July 23. Buckets N Boards will be rescheduled but does not yet have a set date.

Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity for May 13

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 13 at Richvalley Community Center, 56 W. Mill St.

Farmers market season set to begin May 16

The Downtown Wabash Farmers Market opens from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 16 in the Honeywell Center/Wabash

Elk's Parking Lot. The market occurs every Saturday through Sept. 26. If you are interested in becoming a vendor or volunteering at the event, call 260-563-0975 or visit www.wabashmarketplace.org.

Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity for May 19

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 19 at First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass St.

Mural festival seeks local artists

Make It Your Own Mural Fest, organized by the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership and Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne, is asking artists to apply for the Artist and Mentorship Programs as part of the 11-day mural festival scheduled for Sept. 8 to 18. Make It Your Own Mural Fest is also searching for volunteers for the Mentorship Program. Applications are available at www.NElmurfestival.com and are open through the end of May.

Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity for June 2

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 2 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 2 at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S. Cass St.

Wabash Kiwanis Club Pancake Day officially rescheduled

The Wabash Kiwanis Club's annual Pancake Day has been rescheduled from March 14 to Saturday, June 6 at the Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds. The event's Pancake Eating Contest will take place at noon. Pancakes, with or without blueberries, will be available, along with sausages and refreshments. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for adults 13 and older and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 and younger. Sponsorship opportunities for businesses are available by emailing Kiwanian Donna Siders at donna.siders@hotmail.com or calling 260-571-1892. For more information, email keaffaberm@msdwc.k12.in.us.

Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity for June 6

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 6 at Scotty's Bar, 780 Manchester Ave.

Dia De Lagro rescheduled due to COVID-19 concerns

Dia De Lagro, which was originally set for Tuesday, May 5, has been rescheduled to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, June 13 at Eads Barn, 4725 E. 200 North, Urbana. Comedian and Wabash County celebrity, Michael Palascak, is set to bring laughter to Lagro as the headliner of the event, which will benefit the revitalization of downtown Lagro. Appetizers, cocktails, singer Kimberly Rutledge and Emcee Reed Christiansen are set to begin at 5:30 p.m. A Mexican-themed dinner, catered by Gallery 64, will begin at 6 p.m. with Palascak taking the stage at 7 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$75 each, \$125 per couple or \$500 for a table of eight. For more information, visit lagrocanalfoundation.com. Those interested in donating prizes for the silent auction or would like to become a main sponsor may email lagrocanalfoundation@gmail.com. For more information, email aeads4725@gmail.com or call 260-571-2428.

Registration for annual Dam to Dam Century Ride and new triathlon now open

Visit Wabash County has announced registration for the Dam to Dam Century Ride and the DAM(N)I!MAN! triathlon is now open. D!M! will take place on the same day as the Dam to Dam Century Ride – Sunday, Sept. 13 – and will incorporate the newest and longest 150-mile bike route, plus a 3.1-mile swim and will end with a 31-mile run. The early bird registration fee for the bike ride is \$40 through May 31, however, attendees can use promo code D2DSAVE10 to save \$10 for a limited time. The price increases to \$50 beginning June 1. The registration fee for the triathlon is \$135, however, participants can use promo code DMSAVE40 to save \$40 for a limited time. For more information, visit www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series or call 260-563-7171.

Manchester University moves 2020 Commencement to fall

The dates for ceremonies at the North Manchester campus are: Saturday, Oct. 17, Pharmacy Hooding ceremony and Graduate and Professional Commencement (Doctorate in Pharmacy, Master of Athletic Training and Master of Pharmacogenomics) Cordier Auditorium; and Sunday, Oct. 18, Undergraduate and Master of Accountancy Commencement. Physical Education and Recreation Center (PERC).

Indiana 105 bridge at Salamonie Lake closed

Salamonie Lost Bridge West and East state recreation areas are accessible only from the south. To access Indiana 105 on the north side of the bridge, from the south of the bridge heading north on Indiana 105, the official detour will be Indiana 124 to Indiana 9 to Highway 24. The entire bridge deck will be removed and replaced. The bridge, and road, is scheduled to re-open Sunday, Nov. 15.

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Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

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A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

2 Timothy 2:22

In this pandemic, it's 'Live free — and die'

The small groups of people who have gathered, and continue to gather, to protest coronavirus restrictions in this state and many others are right about one big thing: The damage being done by the stay-at-home orders is enormous.

Millions of Americans have lost their jobs after most states ordered nonessential businesses to close until further notice. And many of those companies will probably never reopen. People teetering on the brink of poverty are being pushed over the edge.

The lockdowns have been particularly difficult for people with mental health issues and for families roiled by domestic violence. Schoolchildren are losing invaluable learning time, and if the closures continue for much longer, the kids most in need of help may end up at a permanent disadvantage. And there's reason to believe that people are dying of illnesses and injuries other than COVID-19 because treatments are being delayed or people are afraid to seek care in a hospital.

Things are worse than most of us have ever seen. On that we can all agree. But does the pain and suffering justify the immediate lifting of restrictions as the "Operation Gridlock" protesters demand?

Absolutely not. There's too much at stake.

One sign spotted in Huntington Beach on Friday during a gathering of 100 or so protesters summed it up pretty well: "Live free or die." The signmaker might have invoked the slogan, which happens to be the unironic state motto of New Hampshire (a state currently on lockdown), as a statement of

principle. But in this pandemic a more apt slogan might be "Live free and die."

At the core of the protests is the argument that the treatment is worse than the disease itself. We respectfully disagree. We have lost some civil liberties and many jobs in recent weeks, but that is a temporary, if painful, condition. We will start to get our freedoms back once the restrictions are lifted, and though may take months or even years, the economy will recover. The roughly 42,000 Americans who have lost their lives to COVID-19 so far, however, are permanently dead. And a significant number of the more than 780,000 Americans who have confirmed cases of COVID-19 may suffer from lifelong complications such as diminished lung function and heart damage.

There's also the curious notion that the relatively low rate of cases in some places proves the stay-at-home restrictions aren't necessary. It's not happenstance that California has suffered fewer cases and deaths than other states, notably New York. California was the first U.S. state to adopt strict statewide social distancing measures. There's good reason to believe that this foresight has "flattened the curve" in California and avoided thousands of infections. Other states have also seen their rates of infection drop far below projected levels since their shelter-in-place edicts went into effect.

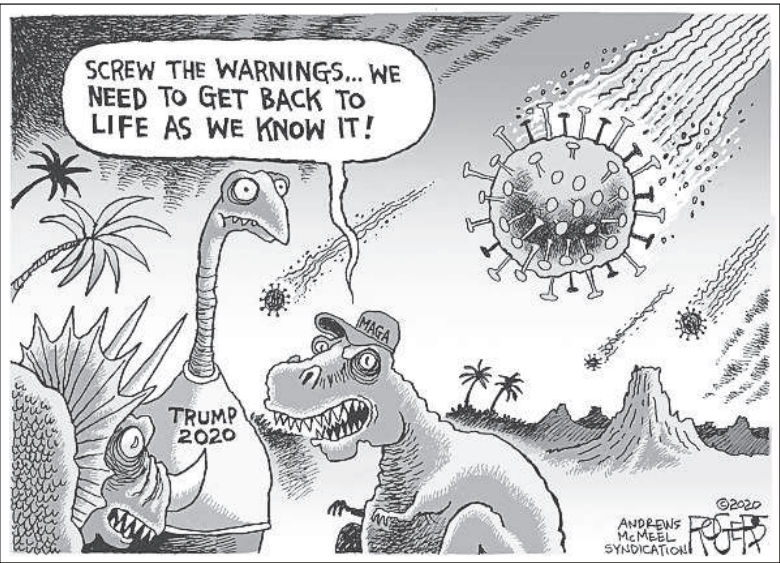
Lifting the restrictions too early could undo all the pain the state has suffered so far and prolong the shutdown misery. For that matter, so could too many more of the sorts of protests we've been seeing.

If coronaviruses could dream, no doubt they would have fantasies about encountering large numbers of unprotected people from far-flung places congregating in close conditions, spraying respiratory droplets with every shout, and finding an easy ride to new places and people to infect.

It's worth noting that although the protests have gotten a lot of media attention, they are relatively small and don't represent the attitudes of most Americans. A joint poll by NBC News and the Wall Street Journal found that more people fear lifting the restrictions too soon. Furthermore, the demonstrations have been supported and populated to some extent by conservative fringe groups, armed militia members and conspiracy theorists such as Infowars' Alex Jones, who have latched on to the coronavirus restrictions to push their dangerous worldviews. The protest in Sacramento on Monday, for example, was co-organized by Freedom Angels, an anti-vaccination group that was at the forefront of opposition to the state's tightening of childhood measles vaccinations.

The nation does need to get back to work soon, albeit with an abundance of caution, given the absence of proven treatments or vaccines for COVID-19. But the inability to test for the disease on a mass scale makes any effort to resume normal life a step into the dark. If people are going to risk their lives, and those of others, to protest anything, we wish it would at least be for a cause that might actually help. Like, say, demanding more testing.

This editorial was first published in The Los Angeles Times.



No better time to rethink economic development spending

One silver lining to our COVID-19 response is a forced re-evaluation of the value of our economic development dollars and the organizations they support. This is especially relevant for groups who receive public dollars because of the deep budget

squeeze we will face for the two coming years. One way to measure the benefit of these groups is to compare them to other organizations that make our communities more attractive places to live and do business.

Fortunately, Congress has helped frame the issue in a way that should help us all do some of the calculus of value. The CARES Act authorized small business loans to most not-for-profit groups. Food banks, youth sports, the Boys and Girls Club and the YMCA are all eligible for these loans. Congress also expanded the range of charitable gifts these groups can receive.

This part of the CARES Act was well designed. Congress made clear what most of us implicitly recognize, that many not-for-profits provide local benefits, which when added together make the nation's economy stronger and more resilient. We need these groups to be active as our economy begins to recover.

However, Congress chose not to extend these loans to 501(c)(6) non-profits. Here in Indiana, these are most recognizably local economic development organizations and convention and visitor bureaus. This was no accident. Unlike a local little league team or YMCA, the primary mission of these 501(c)(6) groups provides zero value to the nation as a whole. Instead, they exist mostly to lure business

from one town to another. Congress wisely figured that the last thing we need to recover from this pandemic were subsidies to groups who add nothing to the national economy.

This is an ideal time to scrutinize the value of these groups. Inevitably, many economic development and tourism organizations will close in the coming year or two. We should welcome the creative destruction of those organizations stuck firmly in the 1960s models of business attraction or destination marketing. The harsh economic conditions of 2020 and beyond offer an epiphany in our economic development efforts. We would be foolish to let it pass.

In the coming months, I urge cities and county leaders to pressure their economic development and visitor bureaus to change. Local economic and tourism marketing groups should be replaced by regional organizations. These new regional groups should organize to meet the requirements of Indiana's Regional Development Authority model or the federal model of Economic Development Districts.

At the same time, these new groups should re-focus their missions. Business incentives and dollars spent on attracting new businesses should be spent elsewhere. Some of these resources could be allocated to supporting the retention and expansion of existing businesses, but the majority of revenues should go to improving quality of place. Regional marketing either for economic development or destination tourism should've been left in the 1970s along with disco shoes and pet rocks.

Likewise, the steep losses of Innkeeper's Tax over the next year will threaten the financial viability of most local convention and visitor

bureaus. While Indiana needs a formal presence in tourism, the large marketing budgets locally have done nothing for Indiana. Over the past 20 years, Indiana's hotel and motel industry shrank relative to the nation as a whole and as a share of state employment. Over the same time, Hoosier spending on recreation dropped by a third relative to the nation as a whole. It is well past time to rethink our approach. Tax dollars spent on tourism should help Hoosier citizens enjoy better recreational opportunities, not support a sector that can afford its own marketing dollars.

Finally, in these grim fiscal times, it is important to acknowledge that many groups have already made these changes. Several economic development organizations focus their mission and resources on quality of place and some communities spend their Innkeeper's Tax on developing recreational activities locally. Similarly, the most successful regions of Indiana have already organized functioning regional groups to work with state and federal government. This work will sustain Hoosier communities as they recover from this pandemic. The old-timey business attraction and destination marketing efforts will not. It is time to abandon them.

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Coronavirus puts an end to politics as usual

Mass burials in New York; homeless hotels in San Francisco; record unemployment.

A list of COVID-19's effects could fill this space and far more, but most people know the headlines. We see what's on our television screens and beyond our

windows. One can't overstate the ways and dimensions of how this virus has changed our world. Anti-globalists will want to use the pandemic to make their case, but we may as well hate mass transportation.

Even if we flatten that blasted curve, we're told, the virus will return.

Which means if we are ever released to go back to work or play, we will soon be coming back home. Next flu season, the virus may have mutated for its own survival. So, we must as well.

But how? Until we have a vaccine, all bets are off. We know that there will be another epidemic — and perhaps one after that — the next time a virus makes the leap from an exotic animal to a human in a wet market on a distant continent. COVID-19 went around the world in 100 days.

Depressing, yes. In New York, cardiac arrest calls to 9-1-1 are surging. Bright spots of generosity and stories of heroism in our hospitals buoy our spirits in flashes of light, but dimness soon follows as we wonder whether and when this nightmare will end.

Amid all this, one thing is certain: BS is dead. Which is to say, politics as we know it is dead.

That's a (small) reason to celebrate. The endless and often pointless art of pitting one side against another is unhelpful in a world on fire. House and Senate Democrats are holding up legislation aimed at saving small businesses — the core of the American economy — because they want to attach their own policy priorities.

The sometimes diverting sport of who's up and who's down is no longer relevant or interesting. Even in a presidential election year, the stakes are so vastly elevated that the usual measures and markers seem ridiculous. With whom would you rather drink a beer? Are you kidding?

Words like "slick" and "Teflon" to describe politicians who escape scrutiny or condemnation for deeds dubious can be shelved; only one kind of immunity interests us now. Retail politics are passe as well. The primary debates held just a few months ago seem like artifacts from a distant time. What networks call a "candidate town hall" is now anathema in most states. Conventions will be virtual and parades and walk-a-thons to #getout-theyote are now danger zones. Nobody cares if Joe Biden can still jog.

Touch my baby and you're dead. Everyone is walking around with 10-foot poles. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, was singing my tune when he said we should give up handshaking for good. Why did we stop wearing gloves, anyway? Social kissing? See ya. Social distancing is a fine idea. Space is what we value now.

How, then, will politicians — our would-be leaders — try to connect with us going forward? As much as possible. Donald Trump is dialing up his daily presence on TV, surrounded by his personal encore club, though it may work against him. Biden might be in a tighter spot: the most high-touch pol in memory is now trying to read a teleprompter in his basement rec room.

We don't need comedians, celebrities or "nice" guys leading the ranks. Like the patient who doesn't care if a brilliant doctor has a lousy bedside manner, the country is tilting toward a more serious kind of leadership. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo's daily briefings are a reminder that style has little value in a democracy in crisis. Joe Friday, the deadpan detective in the TV series "Dragnet," might win in a landslide today.

Reality, baby. We're all looking down the gun barrel of reality, the upshot of which is a reordering of priorities. The economic wreckage might help the challenger; but the new American carnage may present Trump with a chance to polish off his old scapegoats. Everything he campaigned for in 2016 would resonate more today than ever. China lied; people died.

The virus certainly has changed the political conversation. The jobs undocumented populations took because nobody-else-wanted-them are now jobs that everybody wants. Millions of small businesses are applying for relief. We don't have bread lines (yet) but the Los Angeles Times recently featured a photo of a mother and her son hawking masks on a street corner.

If Americans weren't fed up before, mass burials and vacant downtowns will fill their plates with discontent. And making America great again will be the challenge of the millennium. If we're up to it.

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Mom on fixed income supports a house full of freeloaders

DEAR ABBY: My grandson, his girlfriend and, recently, my son (who had to move in) are living with me. She is the only one working. My grandson has been sitting on his butt the last 2 1/2 years and does minimal work here in my home. All three of these “adults” live here for free. I am 79 and on a fixed income. I pay for everything.

Dear Abby



They were supposed to be saving money so they could get a place of their own. That’s a big joke. All they do is spend, spend, spend. They sleep all day and play games on their computers all night. I have seriously considered shutting off the internet (which I pay for) to see what they would do.

I have been talking to a counselor due to my stress and anger issues. The counselor has strongly advised me to evict them. My daughter told me if I do, I’ll never see her or my two young grandchildren again. She means it.

I’m tired of being the caregiver. I feel used, but can’t set boundaries very well. I’m also afraid of my 24-year-old grandson, who has terrible anger issues and who put his fist through a wall when I called him lazy. Should I put them out or, to keep peace in the family, continue to let them use me? – Used Up

DEAR USED UP: There will never be peace in your family as long as you allow yourself to be held hostage by threats and intimidation. Your anger and boundary issues will resolve themselves if you act on the advice your therapist is giving you and evict these parasites.

First, discuss this with a lawyer to see what steps you must take, and because you fear your grandson will become violent, you may need help from the authorities to guarantee your safety from him when he goes. As to your daughter, I predict she’ll keep the grandchildren from you only until she needs something – so be prepared. And please, continue talking to your therapist, who seems to have more of your interests at heart than your family members.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I are in our mid-40s with two kids (9 and 6). We are in the early stages of our estate planning, and of course the topic of who would look after our kids has been discussed.

Our first choice has lovingly agreed to have our kids join their family if my wife and I should die. However, many estate planning forms ask if there is a secondary option on who we want to be our children’s guardians in case our primary choice can no longer fulfill that role. How do we tactfully ask our second choice if they are willing to be the backup? I worry that the couple may be offended that they aren’t No. 1, and this may cause tension and seriously damage our relationship with them. – Parents In A Predicament

DEAR PARENTS: Do not offer apologies or explanations unless you must. Simply ask the backups if they would be willing to step in “should the need arise.” If you are pressed about why they are not your first choice, answer honestly. Your reasons should be respected. This is not a popularity contest; it is a serious consideration for the future of your children.

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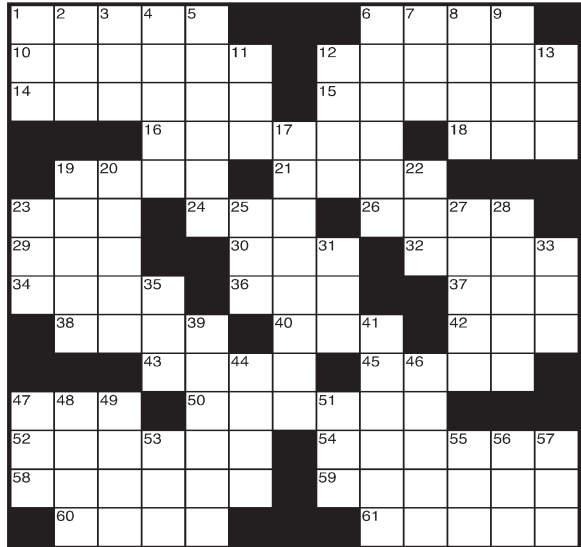
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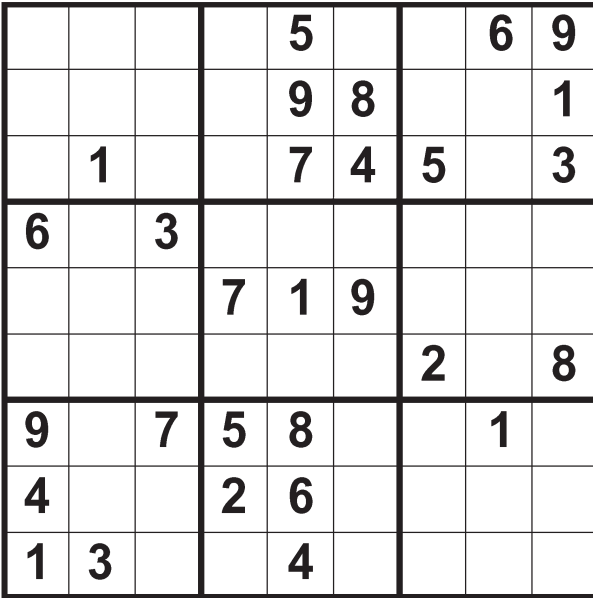
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Yesterday's Jumbles: ELUDE KNOCK SCULPT PUPPET

Answer: To build a submarine to reach the ocean's lowest point, it took — DEEP POCKETS

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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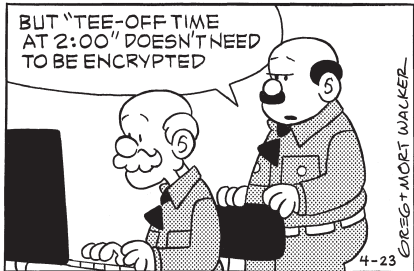
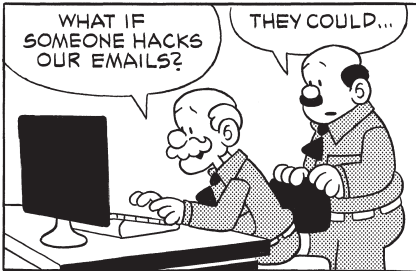
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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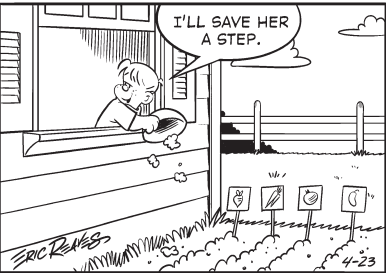
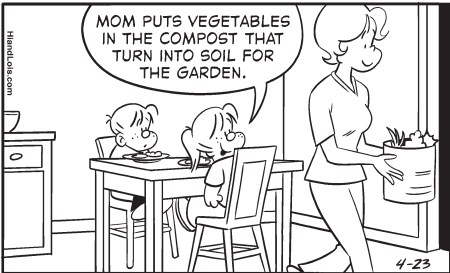
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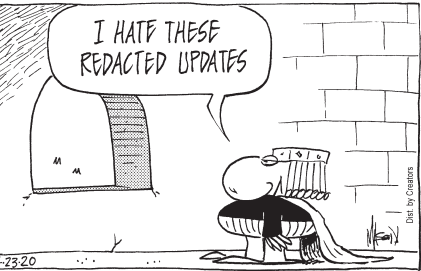
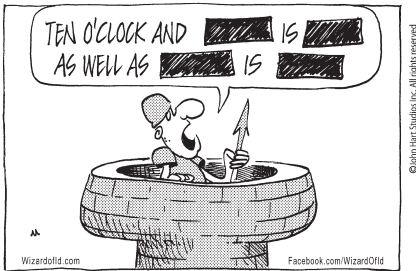
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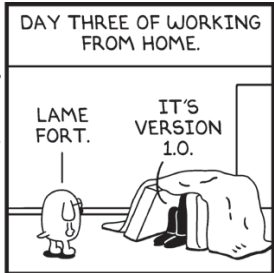
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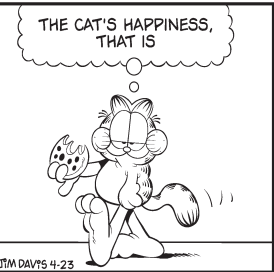
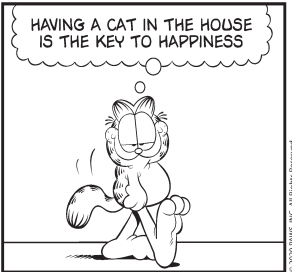
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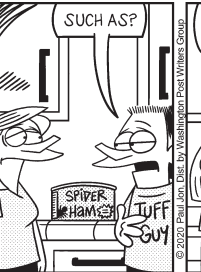
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Ten Commandments just as valid today

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: We have become a secular society yet there are those who continue to fight for keeping the Ten Commandments as monuments. It seems such a contradiction, doesn't it? — T.C.

A: Breaking the Ten Commandments is nothing new; however, there was a day when American society respected God's law by posting it as a reminder to people that God is watching. Not only do men and women continue to break His commandments, but society glamorizes the breaking of His law! From remembering the Sabbath as holy to honoring parents, it appears there has been a concerted effort to deliberately breach each commandment. Not only that, but there seems to be a deliberate attempt to make it

attractive.

It would be good to hang the Ten Commandments in every schoolroom in the country so that young people can know the difference between right and wrong. They don't know the difference and we're seeing the evidence of that throughout society every day.

The Apostle James made it plain in Scripture that we are all guilty. "But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown,

brings forth death" (James 1:14-15).

God sets forth in the Bible His spiritual laws for all people. The Ten Commandments are just as valid today as they were when God gave them. They reflect the moral character of God, and they also provide the foundation of right living with others.

"The work of the law [is] written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness" (Romans 2:15). We have only one authority and one compass, and that is the Word of God.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos
Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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As people stay home, Earth turns wilder and cleaner

By **SETH BORENSTEIN**
AP Science Writer

An unplanned grand experiment is changing Earth. As people across the globe stay home to stop the spread of the new coronavirus, the air has cleaned up, albeit temporarily. Smog stopped choking New Delhi, one of the most polluted cities in the world, and India's getting views of sights not visible in decades. Nitrogen dioxide pollution in the northeastern United States is down 30 percent. Rome air pollution levels from mid-March to mid-April were down 49 percent from a year ago. Stars seem more visible at night. People are also noticing animals in places and at times they don't usually. Coyotes have meandered along downtown Chicago's Michigan Avenue and near San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge. A puma roamed the streets of Santiago, Chile. Goats took over a town in Wales. In India, already daring wildlife has become bolder with hungry monkeys entering homes and opening refrigerators to look for food. When people stay home, Earth becomes cleaner and wilder. "It is giving us this quite extraordinary insight into just how much of a mess we humans are making of our beautiful planet," says conservation scientist Stuart Pimm of Duke University.

"This is giving us an opportunity to magically see how much better it can be." Chris Field, director of the Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment, assembled scientists to assess the ecological changes happening with so much of humanity housebound. Scientists, stuck at home like the rest of us, say they are eager to explore unexpected changes in weeds, insects, weather patterns, noise and light pollution. Italy's government is working on an ocean expedition to explore sea changes from the lack of people. "In many ways we kind of whacked the Earth system with a sledgehammer and now we see what Earth's response is," Field says. Researchers are tracking dramatic drops in traditional air pollutants, such as nitrogen dioxide, smog and tiny particles. These types of pollution kill up to 7 million people a year worldwide, according to Health Effects Institute president Dan Greenbaum. The air from Boston to Washington is its cleanest since a NASA satellite started measuring nitrogen dioxide in 2005, says NASA atmospheric scientist Barry Lefer. Largely caused by burning of fossil fuels, this pollution is short-lived, so the air gets cleaner quickly. Compared to the previous five years, March air pollution is down 46 percent in Paris, 35 percent in Ben-

galuru, India, 38 percent in Sydney, 29 percent in Los Angeles, 26 percent in Rio de Janeiro and 9 percent in Durban, South Africa, NASA measurements show. "We're getting a glimpse of what might happen if we start switching to non-polluting cars," Lefer says. Cleaner air has been most noticeable in India and China. On April 3, residents of Jalandhar, a city in north India's Punjab, woke up to a view not seen for decades: snow-capped Himalayan peaks more than 100 miles away. Cleaner air means stronger lungs for asthmatics, especially children, says Dr. Mary Prunicki, director of air pollution and health research at the Stanford University School of Medicine. And she notes early studies also link coronavirus severity to people with bad lungs and those in more polluted areas, though it's too early to tell which factor is stronger. The greenhouse gases that trap heat and cause climate change stay in the atmosphere for 100 years or more, so the pandemic shutdown is unlikely to affect global warming, says Breakthrough Institute climate scientist Zeke Hausfather. Carbon dioxide levels are still rising, but not as fast as last year. Aerosol pollution, which doesn't stay airborne long, is also dropping. But aerosols cool the planet so

NASA climate scientist Gavin Schmidt is investigating whether their falling levels may be warming local temperatures for now. Stanford's Field says he's most intrigued by increased urban sightings of coyotes, pumas and other wildlife that are becoming video social media staples. Boar-like javelinas congregated outside of a Arizona shopping center. Even New York City birds seem hungrier and bolder. In Adelaide, Australia, police shared a video of a kangaroo hopping around a mostly empty downtown, and a pack of jackals occupied an urban park in Tel Aviv, Israel. We're not being invaded. The wildlife has always been there, but many animals are shy, Duke's Pimm says. They come out when humans stay home. For sea turtles across the globe, humans have made it difficult to nest on sandy beaches. The turtles need to be undisturbed and emerging hatchlings get confused by beachfront lights, says David Godfrey, executive director of the Sea Turtle Conservancy. But with lights and people away, this year's sea turtle nesting so far seems much better from India to Costa Rica to Florida, Godfrey says. "There's some silver lining for wildlife in what otherwise is a fairly catastrophic time for humans," he says.

Administration offers plan to cover COVID care for uninsured

By **RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration announced a plan Wednesday to start paying hospitals and doctors who care for uninsured patients with COVID-19, but Democratic lawmakers and health industry groups are likely to press for more. Under the approach detailed by Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar, hospitals and doctors would submit their bills directly to the government and they would get paid at Medicare rates. Uninsured people would not be liable for costs, and health care providers would not have to ask any questions about a patient's immigration status, an issue that's been cited as a barrier to care in communities with many foreign-born residents. "This says if you don't

have insurance, go get taken care of — we have you covered," Azar said in an interview. The money will come from a pot of \$100 billion that Congress has approved to provide relief for the health care system, which is trying to cope with the high cost of coronavirus care while facing a cash crunch because elective surgeries and procedures have been put on hold. For COVID-19 patients who are covered by health insurance, hospitals and doctors accepting money from the relief fund would have to agree to not to send "surprise" bills for out-of-network services. COVID-19 treatment for the uninsured could cost from \$14 billion to \$48 billion, according to a recent estimate from the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation. Azar said the administration is not providing an estimate on what its plan will cost, but he is confident it

will fit within the \$100 billion allocated by Congress. Lawmakers are finalizing another coronavirus relief bill, expected to add \$75 billion more for the health care system. Democrats and some health industry groups say the relief money approved by Congress should go directly to health care facilities, and the administration should cover the uninsured by expanding programs such as Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act. An HHS press release describing the plan for the uninsured says payments for their care would be made "subject to available funding." About 28 million people were uninsured before the pandemic hit, and that number is expected to rise sharply. Consultants at Health Management Associates estimate that 12 million to 35 million people could lose workplace coverage in the economic

shutdown aimed at containing the spread of the coronavirus. The plan for the uninsured was part of a broader announcement by the government detailing a second round of economic relief payments to hospitals, doctors and other health care service providers. Before Wednesday's announcement, \$30 billion had been distributed. Additional funds now being released include: ■ \$20 billion in payments across a range of health care facilities. ■ \$10 billion targeted to coronavirus hot spots; New York will receive \$4.4 billion. ■ \$10 billion for rural health clinics and hospitals ■ \$400 million for Indian Health Service facilities. Azar said additional allocations will be announced for nursing homes, for hospitals and doctors that rely on Medicaid, and for dentists.

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North Manchester, in response to a Plain Dealer request.

Allocating funds

On April 1, the COVID-19 Response Program launched and, over two weeks, received 108 Letters of Need, totaling an estimated \$23 million in requests. Crouch said the decisions about the grant allocation were conducted by a team at Indiana OCRA. She said the team looks at the need and where it is in the state. "They try to have a balanced approach," she said. Crouch said they were anticipating millions more in CDBG funds available soon. "We are going to have even more resources to help communities address their needs during this period and this crisis," she said.

Specifics of the grant

Eligible activities for this program include but are not limited to:

- Expanding or altering

existing medical facilities to help in the increasing patient load due to COVID-19;

- Provide fixed or mobile testing;
- Expand food pantry services to low-to-moderate (LMI) populations; and
- Provide grants or loans to small businesses to help retain LMI jobs.

"More projects will be announced as they continue to be evaluated and reviewed by OCRA," stated Crouch. For further information on the program, visit www.in.gov/ocra/3010.htm.

Other winners

Other communities besides North Manchester to receive funds include:

- Provide testing, diagnosis or other services
- The town of Lacrosse is awarded \$10,000 to install four Wi-Fi hotspots for residents to access the internet to complete e-Learning activities, file unemployment claims and submit job applications.
- Cass County and Logansport Memorial Hospital are awarded \$150,000 to provide COVID-19 testing at the Cass County Fair-

grounds to residents of Cass County. Special hours will be set aside for those that are seniors aged 62 and older.

- Establish delivery service
- Tippecanoe County is awarded \$100,000 to provide a distribution service for essential supplies to families or individuals in quarantine and isolation because of positive testing for COVID-19.
- The city of Logansport is awarded \$100,000 to deliver supplies and meals to LMI residents in partnership with the United Way of Cass County.
- The city of Bargersville is awarded \$100,000 to deliver needed supplies to residents in partnership with the local main street organization.
- Grants to businesses to retain jobs
- Noble County is awarded \$95,250 to fund a micro-grant program that will target at-risk small county businesses in partnership with the Noble County Economic Development Corporation.
- Fulton County is awarded \$250,000 to pro-

vide grants to small businesses to retain employees.

- The city of Delphi is awarded \$198,600 to create funds for local businesses that can be used as working capital.
- The city of Knox is awarded \$250,000 to provide working capital to local businesses for job retention.
- The town of Hebron is awarded \$152,500 to create a fund to provide short term working capital for small businesses to retain jobs.
- Pike County is awarded \$60,000 to provide \$5,000 grants through the county's economic development corporation to local businesses for working capital.
- Loans to businesses to retain jobs
- The city of Greensburg is awarded \$250,000 to provide loans to local small business owners who are LMI or to retain LMI jobs. The funds will be processed through the local economic development revolving loan program.
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Many small businesses say loans won't get them to rehire

By **CHRISTOPHER RUGABER**
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — Some small businesses that obtained a highly-coveted government loan say they won't be able to use it to bring all their laid-off workers back, even though that is what the program was designed to do. The Paycheck Protection Program promises a business owner loan forgiveness if they retain or rehire all the workers they had in late February. But owners say the equation isn't so simple, in part because of current economic conditions and partly due to the terms of the loans.

As a result, the lending may not reduce unemployment as much as the Trump administration and Congress hope. The government's \$2 trillion relief package included \$349 billion for the small business loan program, which was besieged with applications and ran out of money Thursday. Congress and the White House reached a deal Tuesday that would provide another \$310 billion. To get the loans forgiven, companies need to spend 75 percent on payroll within eight weeks of receiving the money. The other 25 percent can be spent on rent, utilities, and mortgage payments. Otherwise, the loan has generous terms: Only a 1 percent interest rate and six months before any principal is due.

Many of the small companies that were able to obtain a loan are having second thoughts about rehiring all their workers and a few plan to return the money. Others will use what they can on rent and utilities, and will use some to rehire a portion of their laid-off staff. But most are unsure they will be able to reopen eight weeks from now. They see little point in rehiring all their workers, paying them to do little or nothing, and then potentially laying them off again if business remains weak two months from now. "You're turning the business into a pass through for the federal government," said Joe Walsh, who owns Clean Green Maine, a cleaning service in Portland, Maine with 35 employees. "You're doing very little to actually help the business."

It's unclear how much the small business lending program can hold back the surge in joblessness — a record 22 million people sought unemployment aid in the past month. Most economists forecast the unemployment rate will reach between 15 percent and 20 percent when the monthly jobs report is released in early May. More money is clearly needed: Roughly 1.6 million small companies were able to obtain loans, the Small Business Administration said, out of at least 6 million that were likely eligible, according to Census data. Bank of America economists estimate that another \$650 billion would be necessary to meet demand. Also, the generous unemployment aid that was also included in the government's relief package has made it more difficult to rehire. Many workers are making more with unemployment checks, which now include a \$600 weekly benefit from the federal government. Walsh, who received a \$280,000 loan from the SBA, said that he is reluctant to push his employees to return to work because, under unemployment benefit rules, they could lose their weekly checks if they turn down potential jobs. "That's just putting me as the employer in a really difficult position," Walsh said. He pays at least \$17 an hour, with benefits, but his former employees are getting the equivalent of roughly \$25 an hour from unemployment. Right now, Walsh's business is closed due to lack

of demand for cleaning services. He hopes to reopen soon and bring back some workers, retrain them on new sanitizing processes, and earn a bit of revenue. Still, he doubts his business will be anywhere close to what it was anytime soon, which means his workforce won't be either. "There's no way that I'm getting to 100 percent employment by the end of 8 weeks," he said. The National Federation for Independent Business, a small business advocacy group, is pushing the government to make it easier for loans to be forgiven. The group wants the SBA to eliminate the requirement that 75 percent be spent on payroll, or at least reduce it to 50 percent. It also wants the rehiring window extended beyond eight weeks and is pushing for a "good faith" provision that would credit companies for trying to rehire workers who prefer unemployment aid instead. The NFIB also asked that half the next round of funding be reserved for businesses with fewer than 20 employees, to counter complaints that many large, publicly-traded companies obtained loans in the first round. The agreement reached late Tuesday did not make that change but directed some funds to smaller banks. According to a survey of its members, the NFIB said that just half of those who have applied for loans expect that they will rehire all their workers and get the entire amount forgiven. A quarter expect that at least three-quarters of the loan will be forgiven, while 15 percent didn't know. The American Sustainable Business Council and several other small business groups are pushing to have the starting date for rehiring shifted from the date a company received a loan to the date it can legally reopen. Many restaurants, gyms, and movie theaters have been shut down by the state. Adam Rammel received a \$160,000 loan for his restaurant and bar in Bellefontaine, Ohio, near Columbus, though he's uncertain about how many of his 17 laid-off staffers he will be able to rehire and when. Even when Ohio ends its restaurant shutdown, Rammel expects to face restrictions on how many people his place, Brewfontaine, can have on the premises. "We have a small restaurant — we usually pack 90 to 100 in and they're on top of each other. If everyone has to be six feet apart, with 40 or 45 (customers) we can't pay the bills," Rammel said. He expects to bring his employees back slowly. Accounting firm Isdander & Co., based near Philadelphia, said in a client note that "some employers will decide not to sign their loan agreement because their business is essentially closed and choose not to pay their employees for not working." Laury Hammel owns six gyms in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Salt Lake City and employs about 480 workers. He doubts he will be able to reopen his Massachusetts locations within eight weeks, so rehiring workers now would simply force him to lay them all off again. And he'd be left with no money to pay them when he eventually does re-open. Hammel is using some of the loan he received to pay for his former workers' health care coverage, which can be forgiven. If he doesn't use 75 percent on rehiring his employees, he may accept the rest as a loan. His bank doesn't want to carry the loan, however, so he may try and return the money. "The process leaves (small businesses) cash-poor at the time when they have to re-open," Hammel said. "Me having the money and paying people to not come to work doesn't help my business one iota."

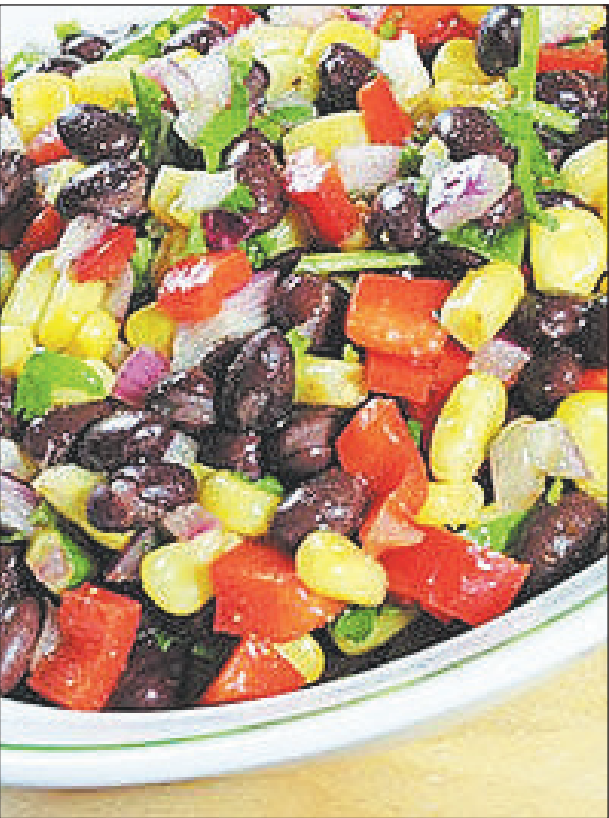
Food

Southwestern bean salad

By THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Black beans are a good source of plant protein and fiber, two nutrients that help make a meal satisfying. Protein is essential for promoting cell growth and repair, boosting immune function, and aiding in muscle health. Not only does fiber help keep digestion regular, but it may also reduce your risk of colorectal cancer. In just 15 minutes you can whip up this nutritious and delicious side.

- Ingredients**
- 1 can (15 oz.) low sodium black beans, rinsed and drained
 - 1 cup no-salt-added canned corn kernels
 - 1 cup chopped green, red, or yellow bell pepper



Black beans are a good source of plant protein and fiber, two nutrients that help make a meal satisfying.

- 1 cup chopped carrots
 - ¾ cup mild tomato salsa
 - 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- Makes 6 servings (1.25 cups per serving). Per serving: 3 g total fat (0 g saturated fat, 0 g trans fat), 0 mg cholesterol, 21 g carbohydrates, 5 g protein, 5 g dietary fiber, 250 mg sodium, 4 g sugar, 0 g added sugar.

Directions

In large salad bowl, combine beans and corn. Add chopped pepper, chopped carrots, salsa, and olive oil. Mix together with large spoon and serve.

Notes

Regular beans can be used in place of low-sodium beans. Rinse beans thoroughly in colander and drain before using to significantly decrease sodium content.

The secret is in the marinade

Now more than ever, it's important to eat healthy, nutrient-rich meals that boost our immunity and our mood. It also helps if our meals are not only delicious, but also relatively easy to prepare

Lynda Balslev



without overwhelming. We're talking less stress, folks, while nourishing and providing enticing dinner options that give us something to look forward

to at the end of each day. Simple roasted meats and fish swathed in flavorful marinades are easy to prepare and add excitement to an ordinary dinner, with a list of ingredients that promise to liven up our taste buds while (we hope) pleasing even the pickiest eaters in the family. This Thai-inspired marinated salmon is quick and easy to whip up. Most of the ingredients are available in well-stocked supermarkets and online. You can improvise, too, if you like.

The key is that the flavor should be nicely balanced with salt, sweet, acidity and as much heat as fits your taste. Fresh lemongrass is often available in produce sections of supermarkets, but if it's not an option, you can substitute 1 teaspoon jarred lemongrass paste, or simply omit it. In this recipe, I cut the salmon into smaller pieces, about 4 ounces each, to expose more edges to the marinade and drive in extra flavor. This marinade is also delicious with beef, chicken and tofu, so feel free to make a double batch and store it in the refrigerator for later use.

Thai Chile Salmon
Active Time: 10 minutes
Total Time: 25 minutes plus



Provided photo by Lynda Balslev for Tastefood

This Thai-inspired marinated salmon is quick and easy to whip up.

- marinating time**
Yield: Serves 4 to 6
- Marinade:**
- 1 lemongrass stalk (or 1 teaspoon jarred lemongrass paste)
 - ¼ cup sweet chili sauce
 - 1 ½ tablespoons soy sauce or tamari
 - 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
 - 2 teaspoons finely grated peeled fresh ginger
 - 1 garlic clove, minced
 - 1 teaspoon Sriracha
 - 1 teaspoon toasted sesame oil
 - 2 pounds salmon fillet, with or without skin, pinbones removed

- Freshly ground black pepper**
Chopped fresh cilantro for garnish
- Lime wedges for serving**
- Cut about 1 ½ inches of the base of the lemongrass stalk and discard the rest. Peel the tough outer layers to reveal the core. Finely grate the core and put in a small bowl. Add the remaining marinade ingredients and whisk to blend.
- Place the salmon on a large plate or in a baking dish. Pour the marinade over and turn to coat. Let stand at room temperature for up to

- 30 minutes.
- Heat the oven to 425 degrees. Line a rimmed baking sheet with foil. Remove the salmon from the plate and arrange on the baking sheet.
- Roast the salmon until golden on top and cooked to your desired doneness, 12 to 15 minutes for medium, depending on the thickness of the salmon.
- Garnish with freshly ground black pepper and cilantro. Serve with lime wedges and the reserved marinade, if desired.

Tyson Foods idles its largest pork plant after Iowa outbreak

By RYAN J. FOLEY

Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Tyson Foods suspended operations Wednesday at an Iowa plant that is critical to the nation's pork supply but was blamed for fueling a coronavirus outbreak in the community.

The Arkansas-based company said the closure of the plant in Waterloo would deny a vital market to hog farmers and further disrupt U.S. meat supply. Tyson had kept the facility, its largest pork plant, open in recent days over the objections of alarmed local officials.

The plant can process 19,500 hogs per day, accounting for 3.9 percent of U.S. pork processing capacity, according to the National Pork Board.

More than 180 infections have been linked to the plant and officials expect that number to dramatically rise. Testing of its 2,800 workers is expected to begin Friday. Cases and hospitalizations in Black Hawk County have skyrocketed in recent days and local officials say the plant is the largest source of infections.

In addition to those who have tested positive for the virus, hundreds of workers were staying home out of fear, and the plant had been running at reduced production levels.

Employers have struggled to contain the virus in meatpacking plants, where workers toil side by side on production lines and often share crowded locker rooms, cafeterias and rides to work. While plants have added safety measures, public health experts say social distancing is virtually impossible.

Several facilities have temporarily closed due to virus outbreaks, including a Smithfield Foods plant in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and a JBS USA plant in Worthington, Minnesota. Others have stayed open or resumed pro-

duction after pauses for worker testing and cleaning.

Tyson Fresh Meats president Steve Stouffer said the closure in Iowa was driven by "the combination of worker absenteeism, COVID-19 cases and community concerns." He warned of "significant ramifications" for the farmers, distributors and grocers in the supply chain.

Tyson said workers would be

compensated during the shutdown and that the timing of reopening would depend on several factors, including testing.

The Black Hawk County Board of Health requested Tuesday that Tyson or Republican Gov. Kim Reynolds temporarily close the plant. The board warned that its continued operation would exacerbate the spread of the virus in the county.

Second Harvest announces extra food distribution events

Distribution is while supplies last at local events

Staff Report

Second Harvest Food Bank has announced the following regularly scheduled and extra Tailgate Food Distribution events, according to a press release:

■ 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, April 23 at Delta High School, 3400 Indiana St.,

Muncie.

■ Noon to 2 p.m. Friday, April 24 at the Old Kmart Parking Lot, 2811 E. Nichols Ave., Anderson.

■ 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 25 at the Five Points Mall, 1129 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion.

"No IDs, proof of address or need is required and all

are welcome. Distribution is while supplies last. We are requesting that attendees only go through the line one time so we can serve everyone. If you are walking up or coming via a vehicle too small to carry a load of food, please plan to arrive an hour after the tailgate starts," stated the release.

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